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(Original, Design, National Stage of PCT, Divisional, Continuation or C-I-P Application)

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the specification of which *(complete (a), (b), or (c))*

(a) ☒ [X] is attached hereto

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(if applicable).

(c) ☐ [] was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed _____
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I/We hereby state that I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I/We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation §1.56.

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(d) ☒ [x] no such applications have been filed

(e) ☐ [] such applications have been filed as follows:

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Filing Date

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